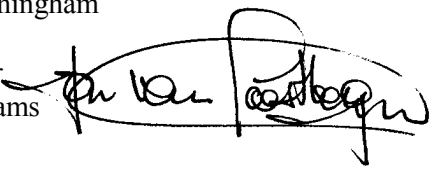


MEMORANDUM
Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Quality

SUBJECT: Guidance Memo No. 04-2001 – Amendment 1
Implementation of the VPDES General Permit for Discharges from Petroleum Contaminated Sites

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Summary:

This summary constitutes the guidance amendment. Section 80.A.5 of the subject General Permit Regulation (effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for discharges of petroleum products other than gasoline into saltwater receiving waters) requires permittees to monitor effluent for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH). Analytical methods listed as acceptable for TPH analyses within this section of the regulation include the Wisconsin Diesel Range Organics (DRO) test method and EPA Method 8270C. The General Permit Regulation allows permittees to use EPA Method 8015B for diesel range organics, in addition to the Wisconsin DRO method and 8270C, for hydrostatic test discharges and discharges of petroleum products other than gasoline into freshwater. Staff may allow permittees to use EPA Method 8015B for Diesel Range Organics for monitoring the discharge of petroleum products other than gasoline into saltwater.

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